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Sir:

Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) Applicant submits herewith the references cited on the attached PTO form 1449. Copies of the cited references are not submitted herewith, but have been transmitted by the International Bureau. Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report for the prior PCT application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider these references in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.104.

It is believed that no fee is required to ensure consideration of the cited references by the Examiner. However, if a fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,



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